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TO : Projects Review Committee

DATE: 3 October 1951

FROM : Comptroller


SUBJECT: Proposed project for the purchase of quartz crystals

1. The project proposes the purchase of 150,000 quartz crystals for use in Agency radio networks for stockpiling purposes. The estimated cost of \$350,000 is based on the current market unit cost of \$2.33.

2. No specific provision was made for the subject project in the 1952 budget estimate for the Office of Communications. Inasmuch as we have been advised that the Office of Communications plans to request approval of the Projects Review Committee in the near future of a revision of its overall 1952 program requirements, including a substantial increase in funds for equipment purchases, it is suggested that the present project, if approved, be financed from the current Communications allotment and that at a later date, a single request be made to the Budget Bureau for the release of the contingency reserve to the extent that approval is given for the additional current year requirements.

3. If approved, the use of vouchered funds is recommended.

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